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Hiroshi SHINRIKI et al.) Examiner: B. Chen
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Sir:

**REQUEST FOR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF CONSIDERATION
OF A PREVIOUSLY FILED INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner acknowledge consideration of the then co-pending U.S. Patent Application Nos. 09/658,507 and 09/641,681 (applications) listed on the Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) previously filed on August 9, 2002, along with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and fee payment of \$740.00 in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e). The listing of the applications in the IDS is proper under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(1), and copies of the applications were included in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2)(iii). Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner evidence consideration of the

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applications by placing his initials and signature on the Form PTO 1449 accompanying the IDS and then providing Applicants with a copy of the form including such initials and signature. Copies of the IDS, the applications, the RCE Transmittal, the fee payment, and the stamped postcard receipt are enclosed herewith.

Although Applicants do not believe that any fee payment is necessary for acknowledgment of consideration of the IDS filed August 9, 2002, Applicants request that any necessary extensions of time required to enter this paper be granted and that any additional fee payments required be charged to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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